The Church:
A Display of God's Glory



The Church is the body of people <u>called</u> by God's grace through faith in Christ to glorify Him by serving Him in this world.

- **God Has Called Us <u>Out</u>**
 - Of our <u>sin</u>
 - Of our <u>deadness</u> (Eph. 2:1-3)
 - Of our <u>darkness</u> (Eph. 5:8)
 - Of our <u>disobedience</u> (Rom. 5:12-14)
 - Of our sinful <u>desires</u> (Rom. 6:16-17)
 - Out of our <u>damnation</u> (Jn. 3:18)

- **God Has Called Us <u>Together</u>**
 - As a <u>Family</u> (Gal. 3:26, 2 Cor. 6:17-18)
 - As His <u>Bride</u> (Eph. 5:25-27)
 - As His <u>Body</u> (Eph. 1:22-23)
 - As His <u>Church</u>

- **We Cheapen The Church …**
 - When we <u>marginalize</u> it with our independence
 - When we trivialize it with our traditions
 - When we <u>criticize</u> it with our opinions
 - When we <u>customize</u> it to our preferences

- **We Cherish The Church…**
 - When we love the glory of God (Jn.17:20-23, Eph. 3:20-21)
 - When we adore the Son of God (Acts 20:28, Acts 9:4)
 - When we submit to the Spirit of God (Eph. 2:19-22)
 - When we value the Gospel of God (Mt. 28:18-20)

- **Why Is It Important To Be A Committed Member of a Local Church?**
 - It is good for you.
 - It is good for other Christians
 - It is good for non-Christians
 - It is for the Glory of God.

Does my life express that God's Church is cheap or that it is cherished?